

**AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:**

Please cancel the title on page 1 of the specification and insert the following in its place:

**PRODUCTION OF PEARLS BASED ON EXPANDED POLYMERS**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO PRIORITY/PCT APPLICATIONS**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of FR 03/08210, filed July 4, 2003, and is the National Phase of PCT/FR 2004/001681, filed June 30, 2004 and designating the United States, published on February 10, 2005 as WO 2005/011952 A2, each hereby expressly incorporated by reference and each assigned to the assignee hereof.--